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In re Application of: Alvin C. Powers *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/776,669

Filed: February 11, 2004

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING PANCREATIC ISLET CELL TRANSPLANTATION

Group Art Unit: 1632

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b), dated May 11, 2004, enclosed are:

- (a) Declaration executed on behalf of Alvin C. Powers, Marcela Brissova and Maureen A. Gannon;
- (b) A Power of Attorney on behalf of Vanderbilt University;
- (c) Preliminary Amendment;

(d) Our check in the amount of \$1315.00 to cover the basic filing fee (\$395.00 – utility

small entity); surcharge for late filing (\$65.00); additional claims fee (\$90.00);

four month extension of time fee (\$765.00);

(e) A copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under

37 CFR 1.53(b); and

(f) A Request for Extension of Time of four months to and including November 11,

2004. Should such request be absent, consider this such a request and authorization

to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 as stated below.

An Assignment to Vanderbilt University and a check for \$40.00 are being filed under

separate cover.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R.

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Respect fully submitted,

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of four months to and including November 11, 2004 in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 11, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$1315.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$765.00) for a four month extension of time.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- · The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

 Additional claim fees of \$90 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$540 for a Small Entity 03 FC: 2202

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- \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$90
 - \$90 for 10 total claims over 20.

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